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California State Parks Partner in Sobriety/License Checkpoint

FOLSOM, Calif. - California State Parks, in conjunction with its Avoid the 7 partners, seven Placer County law enforcement agencies, will be conducting a sobriety and driver license checkpoint this Sunday, July 5 at undisclosed location in Placer County. The checkpoint will begin at 2:00 p.m. and run for approximately five hours. Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing.

Americans love to celebrate the Fourth of July with family, friends, food and fireworks, but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. The fact is that this iconic American holiday is also one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to drunk-driving crashes.

According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during the Fourth of July holiday period over the last five years (2009 to 2013), 750 people lost their lives in crashes involving drivers with a BAC of .08 or more. These fatalities account for 39 percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities over this same five-year period.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes. Drugs which may impair driving not only include illegal narcotics, but many prescription drugs and even some over-the-counter medications.

DUI checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Placer County Avoid the 7 through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1'.



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Avoid the 7 is the seven Placer County law enforcement agencies in that work together in DUI enforcement efforts. It includes Placer County Sheriff' Office, Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln and Auburn Police Departments, Auburn California Highway Patrol and California State Parks.

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